

# JOINT PLANNING IN GREATER NOTTINGHAM

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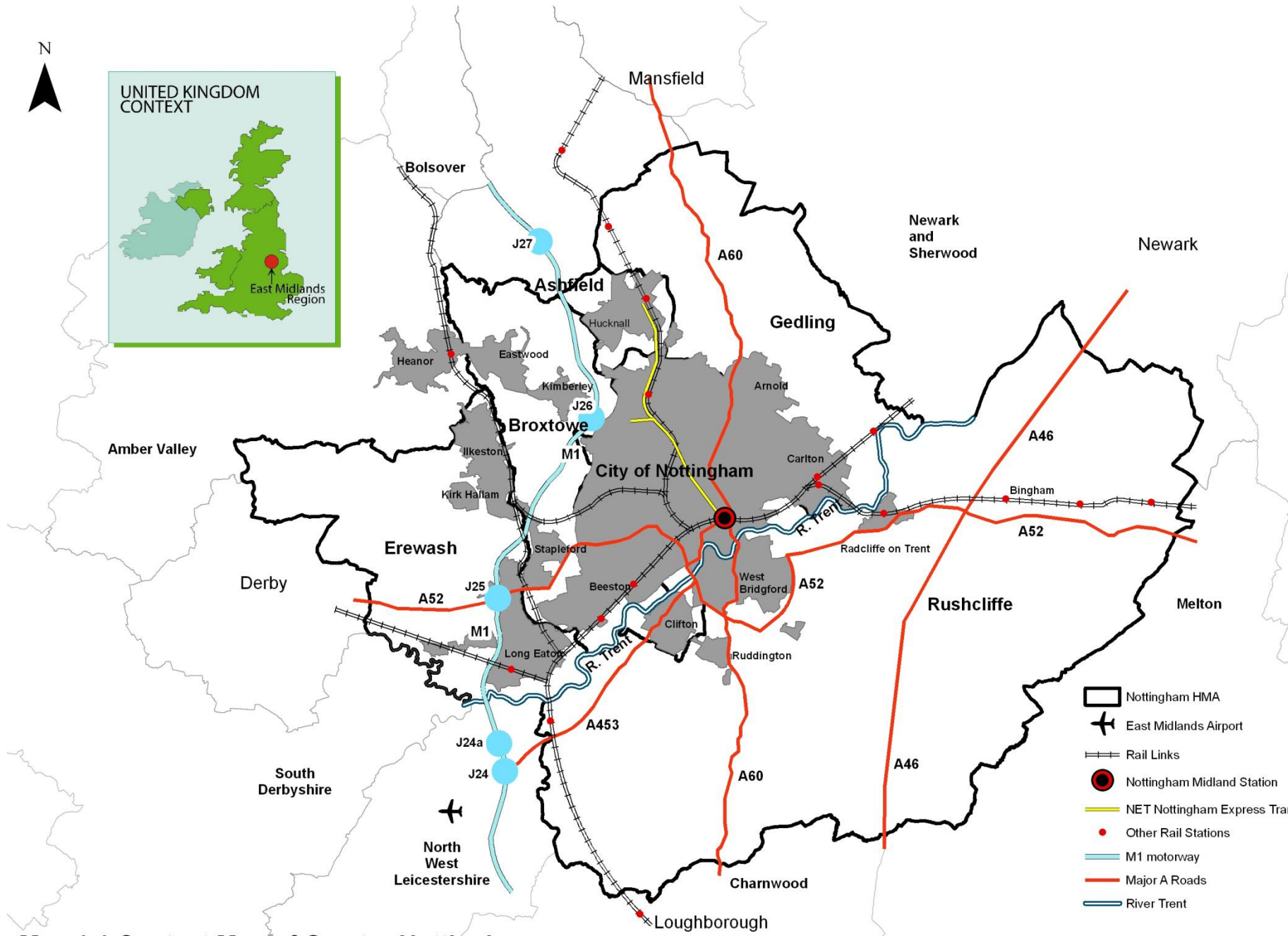
**Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Partnership**

**14 February 2019**



- **Greater Nottingham – our geography**
- **A brief history of cooperation and the Joint Planning Advisory Board**
- **Governance structures**
- **Review of joint work (lessons learnt)**
- **Future work programme**
- **Statement of Common Ground**





- Nottingham HMA
- East Midlands Airport
- Rail Links
- Nottingham Midland Station
- NET Nottingham Express Transit
- Other Rail Stations
- M1 motorway
- Major A Roads
- River Trent

**Map 1.1 Context Map of Greater Nottingham**

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# Greater Nottingham

- **Five Districts, one Unitary, two Counties**
- **Ashfield, Broxtowe, Derbyshire, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire, Rushcliffe**
- **Encompasses the ‘Nottingham Core’ Housing Market Area and the Hucknall part of Ashfield – which is in the ‘Nottingham Outer’ Housing Market Area**



# Origin of the partnership

- Housing markets and travel to work areas do not respect local authority boundaries
- History of joint working for some partners
- Common strategic planning issues call for common solutions
- Need for a consistent and coherent strategic policy framework
- Emerging 'City Region' agenda (2008)
- New Growth Point (£11 million)
- East Midlands Regional Plan



# Governance

- **Joint Planning Advisory Board - established April 2008**
- **Guides the development of Aligned Core Strategies and allocation of Growth Point resources**
- **Approvals via each Council's own Cabinet/Executive Board**



# Governance Structure

**Joint Planning Advisory Board  
(Councillors)  
Chair – Broxtowe Borough Council**

**Executive Steering Group  
(Officers)  
Chair – Nottinghamshire County Council**

**GN Joint Planning Partnership Team  
(2 part time posts – Partnership funded)  
Hosted by Nottingham City Council**

# Operation of JPAB

- **Informal partnership**
- **Advisory role**
- **Portfolio holder representatives supported by Directors**
- **Focused on Greater Nottingham rather than administrative boundaries**
- **Dedicated secretariat**
- **Invited key partners (DTC) to the table**
- **Public meetings**

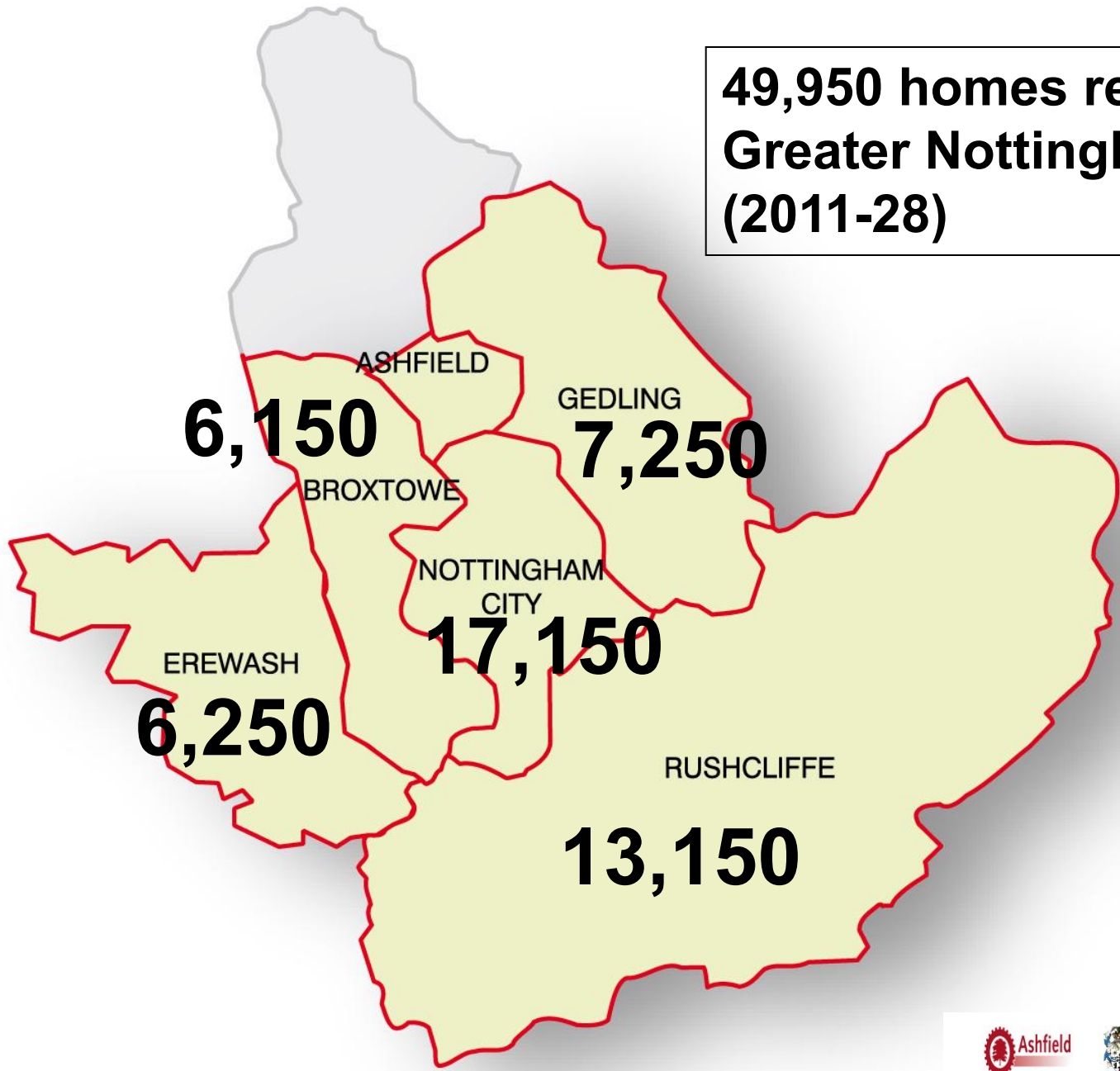


# Key tasks as at 2008

1. Preparation of Aligned Core Strategies (based on old Regional Plan)
2. Implement NGP funded projects



**49,950 homes required in  
Greater Nottingham  
(2011-28)**



Healthy, Green, Safe and Clean

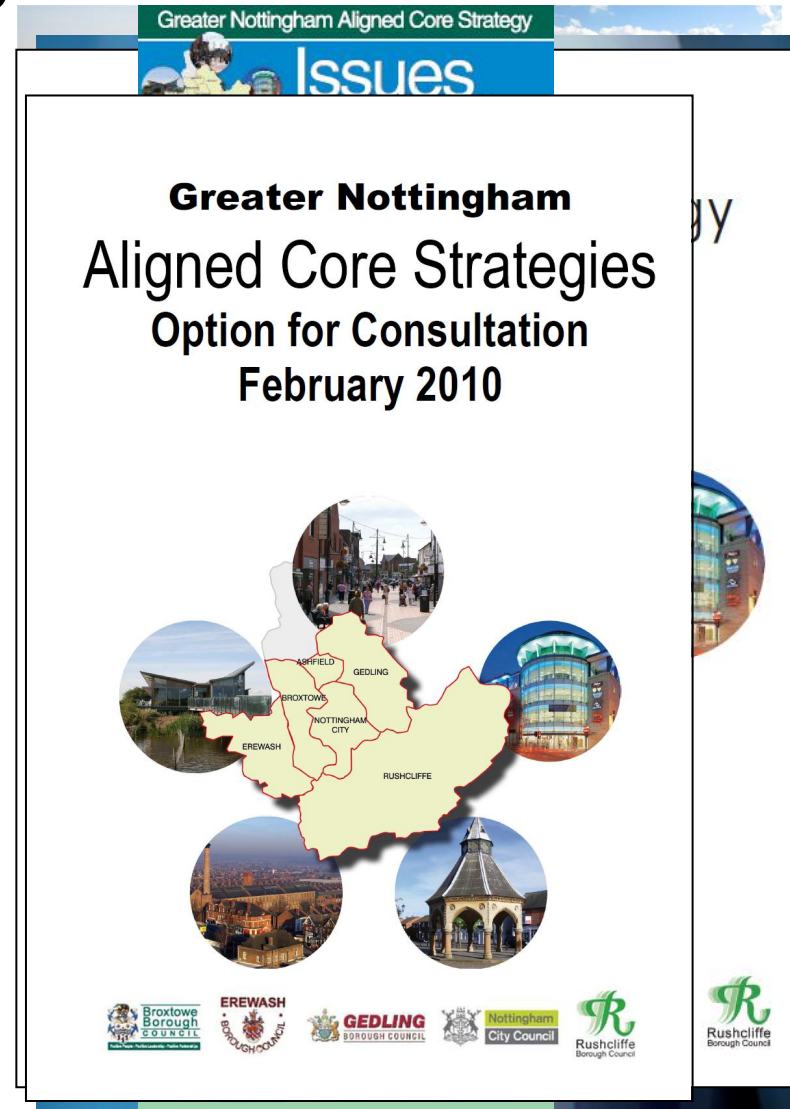
Improving life for local people

# Growth Point funding was important



# Success of the partnership – Progress to Date

- **Consistent, robust, joint evidence base**
- **Aligned Issues and Options Report**
- **Joint Consultation, events and web site**
- **Option for Consultation**
- **Shared expertise, resources and cost savings – at least £600k saved**



# Issues during ACS preparation

- Regional Plan abolition
- Localism Act
- Duty to Cooperate
- NPPF and PPG
- Different views on housing distribution for Publication
- Rushcliffe different approach to housing distribution
- Erewash progressed to slightly faster timescale



# JPAB strengths

- **Forum for discussion - mature and open debate**
- **Workshops and training implications of the NPPF and housing provision**
- **Inspectors at examinations strongly supported aligned approach and efficiencies (3 examinations rather than 5)**
- **Very significant financial savings**
- **Comprehensively addressed Duty to Cooperate**
- **Strategic consideration of cross boundary issues (eg Boots, HS2, South of Clifton)**
- **Strength in numbers against key objectors**



# JPAB experience

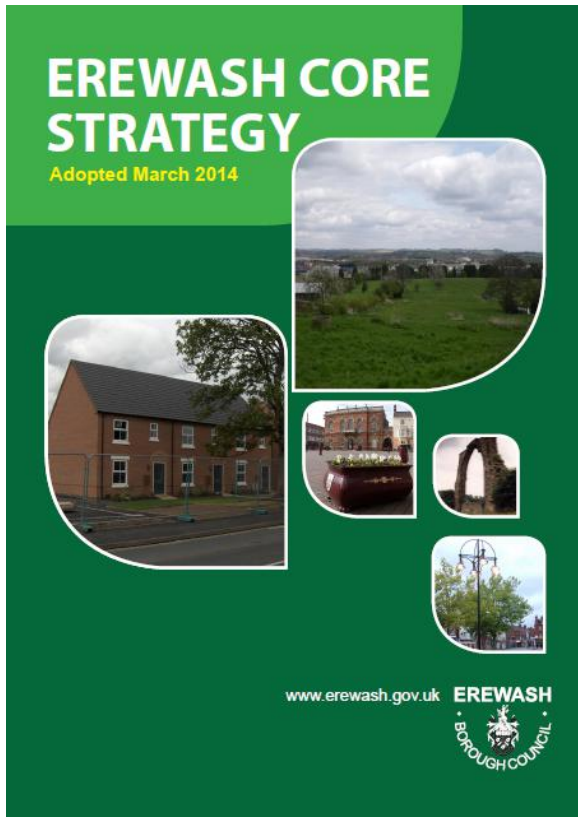
- Approach not without risks...
- Speed of the slowest
- Failure of one could have led to failure of all
- You can disagree, and make up later
- Legal challenge



# RTPI Planning Awards 2015

## “Plan(s) of the Year”

**EREWASH CORE STRATEGY**  
Adopted March 2014




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BOROUGH COUNCIL


**Greater Nottingham**


**Broxtowe Borough  
Gedling Borough  
Nottingham City**

**Aligned Core Strategies  
Part 1 Local Plan**




**Adopted September 2014**



 **Rushcliffe Local Plan**

**Rushcliffe Local Plan  
Part 1: Core Strategy**  
Adopted



**Adopted December 2014**

**RUSHCLIFFE - GREAT PLACE • GREAT LIFESTYLE • GREAT SPORT**

# Current work of JPAB

- Keeping up the momentum
- Implementing the Local Plans
  - SUEs/quality of development
  - Housing delivery
  - HS2
  - Strategic Transport
- Sharing best practice
- Monitoring the Plan
- Refreshing the evidence base (eg HMA Boundaries Study)
- Reviewing the Core Strategies – 2018



# Statement of Common Ground

- Further ‘stick’ in the Duty to Cooperate
- Obvious “fit” with JPAB - pilot
- Essential to do (NPPF)
- Useful in setting out main issues
- BIG danger that it will be unwieldy
- Keeping it up to date onerous
- Approvals – at what level and what frequency?



# JPAB Future Challenges

- **Housing delivery (incl HDT)**
- **Local Housing Need uncertainty**
- **Resourcing (contributions and bids)**
- **New ACS - distributing housing need**



# Conclusions

- **Successful joint working on strategic policy**
- **Significant new resources secured to fund projects and commissions**
- **Significant savings and efficiencies**
- **Duty to Cooperate continues**
- **Housing completions climbing upwards**



# Questions and comments?

